



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Subject: Juror Appreciation Week May 11-15, 2009**

San Andreas, California- The Superior Court of Calaveras County will celebrate Juror Appreciation Week May 11 - 15 to acknowledge the service and participation of local citizens as jurors.

In 1998 the California legislature passed a concurrent resolution proclaiming the second full week in May to be Juror Appreciation Week. "Juror Appreciation Week is a time to publicly demonstrate our appreciation for the citizens of Calaveras County who perform their civic duty by giving of their time to serve as trial jurors" states Court Executive Officer and Jury Commissioner, Mary Beth Todd.

According to Ms. Todd, the objective of Juror Appreciation Week is to show past and prospective jurors that their contributions are greatly appreciated by the Court and to use it as an opportunity to emphasize the importance of jury service. Presiding Judge Douglas Mewhinney states that "Trial by jury is one of the cornerstones of free societies." Ms. Todd provides "When you serve as a juror, you serve your country as an integral part of its justice system."

During Juror Appreciation Week, special treats, pens, bookmarks and other jury service promotional materials are provided to prospective jurors.

For more information on jury service in Calaveras County, you may visit the court's website at [www.calaveras.courts.ca.gov](http://www.calaveras.courts.ca.gov). For information on the California Jury System, you may visit the California Courts website at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury).

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